

REMARKS

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1, 11, 12, and 17 are pending. Claims 1, 11, and 17 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over USPN 6,816,964 issued to Suzuki *et al.* (*Suzuki*) in view of USPN 6,971,067 issued to Karson *et al.* (*Karson*). Claim 12 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Suzuki* in view of *Karson* and further in view of USPN 6,529,784 issued to Cantos *et al.* (*Cantos*). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

RESPONSE TO REJECTIONS:

Independent Claim 1, as amended, recites "receiving the data at the client computer when a processing load of the client computer is sufficiently low that the transmission will not affect the client computer's processing." Independent Claim 17, as amended, recites "transmitting the data to the at least one client computer when a processing load of the client computer is sufficiently low that the transmitting will not affect the client computer's processing." Support for these amendments can be found in the specification as originally filed, e.g., at p. 4, lines 13-15. Applicant has found no teaching in the cited references pertaining to receiving or transmitting data when a processing load of the client computer is sufficiently low that the transmission will not affect the client computer's processing. Consequently, the combination of elements recited in independent Claims 1 and 17, as well as the dependent Claims 11-12 that inherently include all of the limitations of Claim 1, are not disclosed in the cited references. For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1, 11-12, and 17.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and/or remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are now in condition for allowance and requests reconsideration of the rejections. If it is believed that a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of the present application, or clarify matters with regard to its allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any required fees associated with this Communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1209.

Respectfully submitted,

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